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The cover symbolizes State and Private Forestry as a cooperative effort of representatives from the Forest Service, other Federal and State agencies, and private groups and individuals.

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Together we face challenges presented by the ever-growing needs of our society. Changing economic conditions and environmental impacts provide new responsibilities and opportunities to agencies and organizations concerned with natural resources. To help you understand how our State and Private Forestry efforts contribute to the overall natural resource effort, we are distributing a Mission Statement for State and Private Forestry. The foundation for this statement is "Framework for the Future," which defines the Forest Service mission.

Teamwork has been effective in meeting past challenges, and we need to seek opportunities to meet continuing and emerging challenges. I believe a part of the total effort is to help others know more about the State and Private Forestry responsibilities and activities. The cooperative efforts of many Federal, State, and local agencies and groups help the numerous S&PF activities contribute to the overall natural resources effort.

It is my hope that you will find this Mission Statement a useful reference.

Sincerely,

John R. McGuire

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Chief

The Key

Cooperation is the key—cooperative forestry programs are the means—in achieving the mission of State and Private Forestry.

Cooperation puts it all together: the discussions, the plans, the coordination, the goals, the guiding principles, the programs, as well as the action.

Cooperation with:
Federal, State, and local agencies; private forest owners; processors of forest products; community leaders; and keymen in organizations. The principal coordinating partner is the State forestry organization in each State and territory.

Cooperative forestry programs that:
Assist the protection and management of 631 million acres of forest and associated watershed lands.

Seek to increase job opportunities and incomes of rural people.

Develop multiple-use management to obtain maximum potential of forest and related resources.

Improve harvesting, processing, and marketing of forest products.

Transmit and implement research information into practical applications.

Improve fire prevention and control.

Reduce losses from forest insects and diseases by improved detection, evaluations, and suppression methods.

Ensure proper use of environmentally acceptable pesticides in the forest environment.

Cooperation with State and private forest owners achieves more than protection, management, and utilization—it means people cooperating, people helping. The underlying mission of State and Private Forestry is to help society—rural societies and urban societies—to use and enjoy the resources of forest lands, utilitarian as well as esthetic.

Our Principal Goals

Policymaking is a dynamic process that is subject to continuing evaluation. Priorities accorded to goals are often superseded as we respond to the pressing needs of our dynamic society.

These State and Private Forestry goals indicate their general character only. They are not listed by priority:

TO MEET FUTURE DEMANDS FOR FOREST RESOURCES

TO EXTEND AVAILABLE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

TO EFFICIENTLY PLAN USES OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCES

TO APPLY RESEARCH

TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT

The following pages describe policies that are used as guides toward meeting these goals.

TO MEET FUTURE DEMANDS FOR FOREST RESOURCES

Policy Guides Help meet increasing demands for quality goods and services by providing technical assistance—through the State Forestry organization—to aid primary owners of State and private forest and related lands in contributing greater supplies.

Augment planning, management, and protection of such lands by providing technical and financial assistance.

Expedite meeting output goals and supplying national needs by strengthening cooperating organizations with professional aid.

TO EXTEND AVAILABLE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

Policy Guides Recover and utilize waste by improving sawmill techniques, analyzing harvesting operations, discovering uses for disaster-killed and damaged timber, preventing insect and disease losses during storage, emphasizing proper log classification and grading, and instructing processors to recognize the most valuable use for residues.

Apply multiple-use principles toward the extension of existing supplies of forest resources, especially from privately owned forest lands, by calling for a concerted national effort to meet national needs.

Improve and implement procedures to reduce losses to all resources by increasing the technical capabilities for earlier detection, evaluation, and suppression of insect or disease outbreaks.

Provide training to States, as well as technical and financial aid, through continuously updated fire prevention and protection programs designed to help reduce losses of products and services from State and privately owned forest lands.

Provide Federal excess personal property, such as trucks, tractors, and pumps, so that State and local governments can strengthen fire-protection services.

Assist State Foresters in their efforts to organize, train, and equip local fire-fighting forces to prevent or reduce losses to human life, forests, crops, pastures, and structures from fire.

TO EFFICIENTLY PLAN USES OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCES

Policy Guides Meet the Nation's needs for forest-based products and services by providing national leadership and most efficient planning and use of land and water resources associated with forest and forest-range lands.

Utilize water and related land-use planning programs as vehicles to coordinate activities on National Forest, other Federal lands, and State and private forestlands.

Use cooperative watershed programs, which involve numerous private organizations, to maintain extensive coordination with other Federal and State and county organizations.

Provide technical assistance to solve specific forest-resource development problems by use of data and analyses, cost-sharing for critical areas, special equipment for watershed protection, and action programs to supplement ongoing cooperative programs.

Assist small cities, towns, villages, and farm communities throughout rural America by creating job opportunities and an improved social and physical environment.

Utilize forest resources to develop manpower programs for youth as well as the elderly, and disadvantaged persons in rural areas.

Create satisfying jobs for rural people by providing technical assistance to forest-resource enterprises.

Implement the findings of research, and enhance opportunities for rural citizens to enjoy adequate housing and outdoor recreation and the use of abundant clear water for domestic as well as industrial purposes.

Improve the forest and related environment of rural America by preserving and restoring its natural beauty.

Adapt and extend the management and development of State and private forestlands and resources, and include technical and financial aid, to assist rural minorities.

Initiate emergency aid—including financial aid if necessary—and coordinate action with cooperators, to mitigate damage to forests caused by catastrophes.

TO APPLY RESEARCH

Policy Guides Gather, synthesize, and disseminate forestry related research findings from Federal, State, and private sources by means of seminars, symposia, workshops, and publications media, to all cooperators.

Identify research needs of State and private forestlands and forest industries, and refer such needs to forestry research organizations.

Utilize the most modern methods of computer sampling techniques to expedite forest inventories.

Assign professionally trained and experienced personnel from the National Forest System, State and Private Forestry, Research, Extension, and land grant universities to assist public and private planners, forest managers, and forest-product processors.

TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT

Policy Guides To protect forests and related resources from erosion, fire, destructive insects, diseases, and air and water pollutants by providing leadership and technical and financial aid to Federal, State, and private owners and managers.

Encourage and practice the judicious use of environmentally acceptable pesticides to reduce potential adverse effects on the environment, and consult agencies at all levels of government in their use.

Provide "outdoor classroom" training (including demonstration forests) to State and private forest managers in resource management methods.

Sustain national leadership in programs that involve the use of trees and vegetation to reduce noise and heat and adverse effects on the well-being of people living in cities and urban communities.

Orient citizens on the interplay of environmental factors to assist them to understand and appreciate the Nation's natural resources.

Cooperate with State agencies, universities, and school systems, and assist them in environmental education efforts by training education specialists to function at the local level.

The Nation's forest lands—State, Federal, private—are vital to America's economy and environment. They have performed a historic, and now a contemporary, role in providing forest products and services—utilitarian as well as esthetic.

To sustain the flow of goods and services, State and Private Forestry, meeting the challenge in partnership with the National Forest System and Research, exemplifies a cooperative - administrative - technical-professional partnership with State and private forest landowners and managers.

Administration

Area Planning

Environmental Improvement

Flood Prevention and Related Watershed Management

Forest Fire Management

Forest Insect and Disease Management

Forest Management

Genetics

Harvesting, Transporting, and Marketing of Forest Products

Multipurpose Forest Management

Nursery Management

Pesticide Use Management

Primary Processing of Forest Products

Resource Planning

Rural Development

Secondary Processing and Wood in Use

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